



THIRD DISTRICT NEWS

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From the Commander's Desk

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The Third District boundaries will be changing in May and many residents are not aware if they will remain in the same district or be in another. If you have any questions about the change, contact Anne Grant with Research and Resource Development at 202-727-4174 or you can go to the website at http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/PSAs_proposed.shtm

Events

Homicide in the 1100 block of U Street, NW

At approximately 2:10 am on Saturday, March 13, 2004, Metropolitan Police were called to 1115 U Street, NW for the report of a stabbing inside the Between Friends Club. Upon arrival, police located 21-year-old **George Barnes**, of the 400 block of 21st Street, NE, suffering from multiple stab wounds to the body. He was transported to the Howard University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 2:46 am. Two other men were also located suffering from apparent non-life-threatening stab wounds. They were taken and admitted to area hospitals.

The case is under investigation by members of the department's Violent Crimes Branch. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call police at (202) 727-9099.

The Department offers a reward of up to **\$25,000 reward** to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for any homicide committed in the District of Columbia.

Mayor's Community Update on Lead in Water

The Executive Office of the Mayor, Office of Community Affairs, invites ANC

Commissioners and Civic/Neighborhood Association leaders (and is extending this invite to all concerned District residents) to attend a special meeting with Mayor Anthony A. Williams on Tuesday, March 16th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm entitled "Mayor's Community Update on Lead in Water".

This meeting will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church in the sanctuary located at 1510 9th Street, N.W. at the corner of 9th & P Streets. Parking restrictions have been relaxed within the 9th & P Streets area.

Please communicate this meeting notice to your fellow ANC's and Civic/Neighborhood Assoc. Leaders.

WASA, DC Department of Health, DC Emergency Management Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers and other officials will be present.

Preliminary Crime Statistics for February

All statistics presented here are based on preliminary DC Index crime data queried on the date indicated on each district's page. The data do not represent official statistics submitted to the FBI under the Uniform Crime Reporting program (UCR). All preliminary offenses are coded based on DC criminal code and not the FBI offense classifications. All statistics are subject to change due to a variety of reasons, such as a change in classification, the determination that certain offense reports were unfounded, or late reporting. Please understand that any comparisons between MPD preliminary data as published on this website and the official crime statistics published by the FBI under the Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR) are inaccurate and misleading.

Year-to-Date Comparison			Monthly Comparison			
Crime	Thru 2/03	Thru 2/04	% Change	2/03	2/04	% Change
Homicide	2	2	NC	2	0	-100.0
Sexual Assault	7	7	NC	1	5	400.0
Robbery	152	146	-3.9	54	51	-5.6
Aggravated Assault	55	51	-7.3	21	19	-9.5
Burglary	153	99	-35.3	60	39	-35.0
Theft (not from auto)	220	238	8.2	88	131	48.9
Theft from Auto	294	286	-2.7	104	148	42.3
Stolen Auto	186	172	-7.5	72	92	27.8
Arson	2	0	-100.0	1	0	-100.0
Total	1,071	1,001	-6.5	403	485	20.3

Note: This data is subject to change due to late reporting.
NC = No Change

Percentage changes involving small figures should be interpreted with caution. Percentage changes with an karat (^) are incalculable because division by zero is not allowed.

The Index Crime "Larceny/Theft" includes both "Theft" and "Theft from Auto."

Data accurate as of March 11, 2004.

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Citizens Advisory Council

The monthly CAC Meeting will be Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Snyder Community Room at 3D, 1620 V Street, NW. Due to Chief Ramsey's memo there will be no elections until the new boundaries are in place, which will be after June 1, 2004. For more information contact CAC Chair Stanley Mayes at 202-328-1368.

Operation Fightback

"Operation Fight Back" is a concentrated, multi-agency strategy designed to tackle stubborn crime and disorder problems in specific neighborhoods throughout DC. The strategy involves a number of different approaches, including serving arrest warrants, conducting safety checkpoints, carrying out building and business inspections, towing abandoned vehicles, cleaning up trash and reaching out to residents in the community.

PSA 312 had a Fightback. The target area was 1st and Bates St NW on March 4, 2004 around 10 AM. For information on the Fightback contact Lt. Dennis at 202-673-6821.

PSA 311 had a Fightback. The target area was the 1700 block of 7th St NW on March 10, 2004 around 10 AM. For information on the Fightback contact Lt. Ralph Neal at 202-673-6821.

Anti-Loitering and Drug Free Zone Initiative

The Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act of 1996 allows the Chief of Police to declare a specific area as a drug free zone based on various factors, including a disproportionately high number of drug arrests within the past six months or any number of drug-related homicides within the area. Under the law, the MPD is required to post information detailing the boundaries of the drug free zone, the effective dates of the designation and the specific activities that are prohibited.

While a drug free zone is in effect, it is unlawful for a group of two or more persons to congregate in a public space or property within that area for the purpose of selling, purchasing or using illegal drugs. Persons in violation of the law first will be warned by a police officer that they are in a drug free zone and will be directed to disperse and depart the area. Failure to obey the officer's instruction will result in arrest, without a second warning. Offenders convicted under the law are subject to a fine of up to \$300, imprisonment for up to 180 days, or both.

The following PSA had a Drug Free Zone Event(s):

PSA 302 14th St at Girard to 13th St and Girard south to 13th St and Euclid west on Euclid to 14th St and finally north to 14th and Girard. For information on the Drug-Free Zone contact Lt. James "Bart" Dykes at 202-673-6821.

Updates

Proposed PSA (Police Service Area) Boundaries

On January 12, 2004, Mayor Anthony A. Williams and the Metropolitan Police Department presented the DC Council with proposed new boundaries for police districts and Police Service Areas (PSAs). The new structure is designed to enhance police services in DC neighborhoods and to increase community involvement in "community policing." This will be accomplished by aligning the PSAs more closely with DC neighborhoods, improving police coordination with other city services in addressing problems that impact crime, and by giving PSAs the staffing flexibility to fight crime more effectively at the neighborhood level. The DC Council has a 60-day period in which to review the proposed new boundaries. The MPDC anticipates implementing the new structure soon after the 60-day review period.

Under the Policing for Prevention strategy, uniformed patrol officers are currently assigned to 83 Police Service Areas (PSAs). These 83 PSAs are organized into seven police districts, which are configured into three Regional Operations Commands (ROCs). A lieutenant, who is assisted by one or more sergeants, leads PSA teams. Working together, the PSA team (lieutenant, sergeants and officers) is responsible for responding to calls for service on the PSA and working with the community to identify and solve crime and disorder problems.

Over the past year, the MPDC has held a series of community meetings, as well as discussions within the Department, on the strengths and weaknesses of the current PSA structure. Based on an analysis of those meetings, as well as other data and information, the Department is proposing to change the PSA structure. The proposed new PSA plan would:

- Reduce the number of PSAs from 83 to 43.

- More closely align the PSAs with DC neighborhoods, so as to improve coordination with other city services and increase community participation in Policing for Prevention.
- Establish a minimum number of officers for each PSA, but provide more officers in those PSAs with greater demands for neighborhood police service.
- This enhanced staffing flexibility will allow PSAs to better carry out the full range of crime-fighting activities, including answering calls for service, targeting crime "hot spots" and engaging the community in neighborhood problem solving.
- Reducing the number of PSAs will help ensure strong and consistent leadership on all PSAs.

For more information on the proposed boundary changes go to the MPD website http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/PSAs_proposed.shtm.

3D Community Meeting Schedule for March 2004

PSA 301/304
Lieutenant Michael Gottert
Every Second Wednesday of the Month
Kalorama Rec Center
Columbia and Belmont St. NW
7:30 PM

PSA 302/305
Lieutenant Bart Dykes
Every Fourth Monday of the Month
Boys and Girls Club
2500 14th St. NW
7 PM

PSA 303
Lieutenant Edward Delisi
Every Third Thursday of the Month
Banneker Rec Center
2500 Georgia Ave. NW
7 PM

PSA 306
Lieutenant Gary Durand
Every Second Thursday of the Month
True Reformer Building
1200 U St.
6 PM

PSA 307
Lieutenant Darlene-Terry Weeks
Every Third Tuesday of the Month
3D Community Room
1620 V St. NW
7 PM

PSA 308
Lieutenant Shakir Muslim
Every Third Tuesday of the Month
3D Community Room
1620 V St. NW
7 PM

PSA 309
Lieutenant Michael Smith
Every Third Thursday of the Month
Jewish Community Center
1529 16th St. NW
7:30 PM

PSA 310
Lieutenant Shakir T. Muslim
Every First Wednesday of the Month
Washington Plaza Hotel
#10 Thomas Circle
7 PM

PSA 311
Lieutenant Ralph Neal
Every Second Thursday of the Month
United House of Prayer
1721 7th St. NW
6:30 PM

PSA 312
Lieutenant Alveta Dennis
Every Second Wednesday of the Month
Mt. Sinai Church
1615 3rd St. NW
7 PM

PSA 313

Lieutenant Michael Smith
Every First Wednesday of the Month
Washington Plaza Hotel
#10 Thomas Circle
7 PM

PSA 314
Lieutenant N/A
Split between Lt. Ralph Neal and Lt. Alveta Dennis
Neal has New Jersey Ave to 9th St and Dennis has New Jersey Ave to N Capitol
For community meeting times contact the lieutenants office at 202-673-6821

United States Attorney's Office

The U.S. Attorney's Office has two Community Prosecutors assigned to the Third District. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jean Sexton and Luis Andy Lopez are available to attend your community meeting or event. Due to the large number of meetings, the prosecutors may not be able to attend every meeting. In the event that there is a specific agenda item you would like either prosecutor to address, please contact:

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Jean.Sexton@usdoj.gov

or

Luis Andy Lopez
Assistant U.S. Attorney
202/305-9694
Luis.Lopez2@usdoj.gov.

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency

The mission of Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) is to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice in close collaboration with the community. CSOSA acquired the operational responsibilities for the former District agencies in charge of Probation and Parole and houses the Pretrial Services Agency within its framework. For more information on CSOSA and community partnership contact Reyna Cartagena at 202-220-5300.

Street Crimes Report

Street Crimes Statistics

A special detail has been formed to combat the criminal activity in the Third District. The idea is to target the violent crime perpetrators and repeat offenders. The following arrests and recoveries have been made by Street Crimes for the month of January 29, 2004-March 3, 2004:

Felony Arrests	34
Misdemeanor Arrests	150
Traffic Arrests	12
Notice of Infraction (Parking)	31
Notice of Infraction (Moving Violations)	40
Drug Recovery Stops	37
Gun Recovery Stops	14
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	01

